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Major Bern Dibbner
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Dear Major :

Believe me I am really ashamed of not having replied as yet to your kind letter of July. The fact is that the past two months of my life were a frantic race against time; I had to deliver an important report on a certain date, and I just barely managed to "get in under the wire." I am sure you are too familiar with such situations to hold my delay against me.

After all you have told me about your work and your propensity for things scientific , I dare say that I consider myself lucky that chance has decided to let you be the one to get hold of this valuable collection of letters and manuscripts. I am also convinced that the collection will be to you,too, a fountain of joy and pleasure,and, last but not least, a storehouse of stimuli, to your scientific research work - for those treasures, collected throughout decades, contain a wealth of data of outstanding interest to the history of Natural Sciences, only waiting for a loving hand to unearth them and make use of them.

I was quite especially glad to read your autobiographical remarks in your letter, for I discovered so much similarity in them to facts of my own experience and to my own ambitions that I became absolutely convinced that those treasures could never find a better guardian and caretaker than you to appreciate their real value. I think I do not have to tell you how much that collection can still be developed, and I would be more than happy to know that you are in the position to take your planned trip to New York, for that would, I sincerely hope, offer us the opportunity to have a talk about all these interesting questions, which it would be too complicated to discuss by correspondence.

I also found a catalogue in the original language and will be very pleased to place it at your disposal because I learned of your wish. It may be that during the process of translation certain mistakes happened to find their way into the text, but it is always possible to check and correct them with the aid of the original German version.

Many of the manuscripts are quite interesting because of the history of their discovery and acquisition, and it is my opinion that it would certainly increase the future value of the collection to record all these, often so charming and interesting, details. It will be a veritable pleasure for me to assist you in these matters with my own experience, whenever and in whatever manner you desire, especially since Mr. Schab has told me about your loving care for the books of your own collection.

The will of Fate is sometimes inscrutable. I planned to quit working on my sixtieth birthday in order to seek pleasure and rest in my treasures -- and the way it has turned out to be, I had to quit the treasures and to seek work. Be it as it may, it remains a reassuring comfort and consolation to know that the fruit of my decades of burning enthusiasm will keep enjoying loving care and

true appreciation, so that it may keep spreading joy and contentment, instead of being doomed to the eternal slumber of oblivion in the catacombs of some large library. I am sure I am justified in expecting the collection in your hands to awaken to a new life, for this is the impression I obtained from your letter, for which I am sincerely grateful to you.

Hoping soon to have the priviledge to meet you in person,

Yours very sincerely

A. Heinegg

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July 3rd,1949

Col.Bern D i b n e r
c/o Burndy Engineering Company Inc.
107 Bruckner Blvd.
New York 54, N.Y.

Dear Colonel Dibner:

Many thanks for your kind letter of July 1st and I really regret that you vainly tried to get in touch with me. My wife is out of town to take a rest and I am leaving my home at ab.9.30 in the morning to go to my office. This is the reason why you could'nt reach me during the day.

Your letter was a pleasant surprise for me and I would be delighted to meet you personally after such a long time. May I suggest my calling you by telephone on Wednesday morning in order to make a definite appointment?

I am attaching my business-visiting-card with my telephone-numbers so that you can reach me during the day should the necessity occur.

I a m looking forward with keen anticipation to seeing you very soon and remain,

Sincerely yours

A. Weiner

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Mr. Bern Dibner
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December 20,1950

Dear Colonel Dibner:

Since your letter of August 1949 in which you explained to me that the limited funds of the BURNDY-LIBRARY do not allow you to envisage the purchase of the collection of manuscripts I offered you at that time as a valuable enrichment of the collection in your possession my papers slept the deep sleep of the just.

In the meantime I moved, for reasons of health,to Atlanta,Ga., where I am living, temporarily as I hope, with my 3 married daughters and their families, enjoying the Southern climate and taking life easier than in New York.

I do not know whether,perhaps, the financial situation of the Library has changed in the meantime, but I want to tell you that since our last correspondence I didn't touch at the material and only added 35 very nice portraits (etchings) of famous scientists. I declined occasional offers, up to now, to sell the Chemists separately because I always nourished the hope that one day, sooner or later, you will have the funds available to acquire this valuable supplement to the Burndy-Library.

Among the many interesting items there are especially two wonderful wooden luxury boxes with leather dorsum you have never seen. The one contains 22 letters of CALANDRELLI and 22 letters of BONATI, both famous italian scientists, originating from the far-famed BUONCOMPAGNI-COLLECTION. The other box contains 3 manuscripts (170 pages) on fundamental questions of Uric-and Hippuric-acid from WIECHOWSKI, the discoverer of the principles of urine-extraction.

Eveh if it would be out of question for you to acquire this material I invite you to spare a few minutes and to have a look,especially at the two mentioned pieses, which,beyond all collector's pride, are really worth the sacrifice of time. The complete material with portraits and the catalogue are still deposited in Mr, Schabs Office where you can see them whenever you like.

Will be sent by Mr. SCHAB.

I am attaching a list of those scientists of the collection who,in my opinion, would represent a most valuable supplement for your collection and a list of the portraits available.

Wishing you all the best for the Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR, I remain,

Sincerely yours A. Weiner

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Change of address:

October 21,1951

Colonel Bern D I B N E R
President of BURNDY Engineering Co.,Inc.
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Dear Colonel Dibner :

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 21 and the very interesting communication regarding your work on the Galvani-Volta-Controversy for Christmas. It is really wonderful that you find every year another most exciting scientific subject the presentation of which honors your friends and brings them intellectual delight.

It fills me with collector's pride that you intend to mention my name in connection, probably, with the Volta-Letter to Prof.Gilbert in Halle and referring to this historical controversy. I thank you for your kind attention and am looking forward to your analysis with highest expectations because I learned that you acquired in Italy prof. Volta's library (Torino) and there you might have found a lot of most interesting material, unknown up to know. I corresponded with prof.Conte Volta,perhaps 20 years ago ,regarding the biography and the portrait of Alessandro Volta's son Giovanni (Zannino) (See the Burndy-Collection .)

As far as my health is concerned I had a relapse of my illness last winter and am recovered,now,as I hope , enjoying my stay in Dixie and the tender competition of my 3 daughters to protect me against all evil. But, nevertheless, I have to apologize for the delay in my answering your letter,because I had a bad cold when it arrived and I am still a little bit shaky.

It will perhaps interest you to learn,that I found out,in the meantime, that an additional part of my collection, including the unpublished scientific correspondence HERMITE - LERCH has been saved and is hidden now in a cousin's house in Brno, Czechoslovakia. I hope that,sooner or later, it will be possible to get the papers to America.

I still keep the 414 Letters (157 scientists) and the 35 fine engravings (portraits of scientists) I offered you 2 years ago,when, as you said, the limited funds of the BURNDY-Library prevented you to acquire them for your collections.I would not bring this matter up again could I get definitely reconciled with the idea to see, even at a higher price, this high ranking part of my previous collection go somewhere else than into your possession. I am ready to leave it to you,with the portraits, for $ 1250.- .

I hope, dear Colonel Dibner, that you are taking in good part my renewed offer but I think that, possibly, the situation of the Library has changed in the meantime, allowing you to come to another decision than 2 years ago. I would send you the catalogue and the portraits for inspection, if desired.

Thanking you, once again, for your kind attention, and wishing you all the best, I am,

Sincerely yours

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January 8,1952

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Dear Col.Dibner :

Your letter of January 3rd reached me yesterday and I want to thank you for your kind explanation regarding the delay in the forwarding of the booklet, I was missing so much. It was certainly an excellent idea not to expose the delivery to the peril of the Christmas mail and rather to keep your friends a little bit longer at the rack of their curiosity for the expected Dibner-New-Year's-surprise.

Please accept my best wishes for a prosperous development of your factory on its new location in Norwalk. I can imagine what a difficult and exciting problem such a moving of an enterprise must be by the requirement to reduce to a minimum the losses of time and production. You, with your general staff, must have put their shoulders well to the wheels and I congratulate you to the achievement.

The P.S. of your letter, referring to"GRANT, Two Letters....." is probably a mistake, because I never took out a book of your library. I was even surprised to learn, that you have some material regarding the Chasles-Newton-Pascal-affair, which I studied many years ago. Would'nt it be interesting to make this matter the subject of one of your research-topics. I had in my library a very interesting booklet with the witness testimonies in the famous legal suit containing,too, many reproductions of the faked letters of Caesar,Vercingetorix, Maria Magdalens, Galilaei a.s.o. Do you have it in your collection? I needed it, in order to prove the authenticity of your Huyghens letter (9/25,1659) originating from the Chasles-collection and suspicious ,therefore, to be a Vrain-Lucas forgery. I proved it to be an original, unfortunately, because the autograph-dealer Victor Lemasle in Paris offered me a very high amount should I succeed in proving it a V.-L.-falsification.

I would be very pleased would there be any prospect of meeting you one day but there is not the ghost of a chance for my coming to N orwalk and so I hope that you will let me know whenever you will have the intention of coming to Dixie Land.

With repeated thanks and best regards,

Sincerely yours

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STATUS - Czechoslovakian citizen; born 1880 in Ivancice, Moravia; since April 1941, on Czech Immigration Quota, in the United States; obtained his First Citizenship Papers on September 15, 1941.

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES -

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June 5, 1960

Mr. Bern Dibner, President
Burndy Library
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Dibner:

On our trip up North, Mr. Hoffman and I will be in the vicinity of Norwalk on Thursday, June 23. As you can imagine, we would very much like to visit the Burndy Library.

Would you be kind enough to let us know whether this is agreeable and what the library hours are.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Joan Hoffman
(Mrs. L. R. Hoffman)

Mrs. L. R. HOFFMAN
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July 6, 1963

Mr. Bern Dibner, Director
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Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Dibner:

I have always been greatly interested in seeing your library which now houses my father's collection.

My husband and I will be in the New York area Monday through Thursday morning, August 12-15 and are wondering whether or not it would be agreeable that we visit the Burndy Library during that time.

Would you please let me hear from you?

Sincerely,

Joan Hoffman

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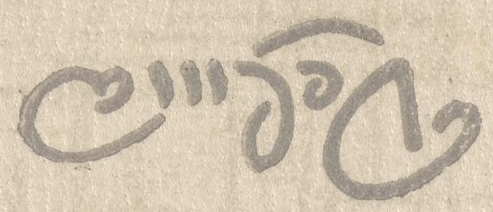

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"Handwritings of men
are latent living powers..."
(Charles Reade)

L. Heisley